Community Working Group

You’re Invited!

Wednesday
April 7th
6-7:30pm
MIT Media Lab
E14 room 240
http://whereis.mit.edu/? go=E14

Agenda:
• Networking & Food!
• Introductions & What is Dept of Play?
• Spark Youth & Technology Stories -
  • Matt Mena-Landry - Cambridge Public Schools & CCTV
  • Malia Lazu - The Gathering and Urban Lab
  • Lori Lobenstine - Design Studio for Social Intervention
• Open Mic - community practitioners share stories, current struggles, future dreams and open up to group for feedback/ideas
• Next Steps - Organizing sub-groups

http://departmentofplay.org

The Department of Play (DoP) is a working group of researchers, students, and community practitioners at the Massachusetts Institute for Technology Center for Future Civic Media who share a common value: the design of new technology and methodologies to support youth as active participants in their local communities. By developing new open source technologies, community-based curricula, and networking opportunities, we support youth-led active exploration, participatory learning, and civic engagement among children and adolescents in their urban neighborhoods.

Once a month we gather MIT/Harvard researchers and community practitioners to form relationships to pilot the tools & curriculum we hope to develop collaboratively. We aim to engage community stakeholders early on in our development process and make sure we center our learning goals in existing community and youth development practices.